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SUBJECT:SSOD:REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS AND ARMED
FORCES

1. TEXT PARA 2 BELOW WAS PROPOSED BY USSR ON JUNE 12 TO
REPLACE MEXICAN AND SWEDISH PROPOSALS ON PAGE 37 AND 38 OF
PREPCOM DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION (DOCUMENT A/S-10/1).
NETHERLANDS OBJECTED TO SOVIET PROPOSAL AND SAID BUDGET
REDUCTIONS MUST BE PRECEDED BY ADEQUATE SYSTEM OF REPORTING
AND VERIFYING MILITARY BUDGETS. US SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. TO FACILITATE A SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION,
STATES WITH A LARGE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POTENTIAL,
INCLUDING ALL THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
SHOULD AGREE ON SPECIFIC REDUCTIONS IN THEIR OWN MILITARY
BUDGETS NOT IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE POINTS BUT IN ABSOLUTE
FIGURES. SUCH AGREEMENT MIGHT COVER, FOR INSTANCE, A
PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE BUDGET OF THE
NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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AT THE SAME TIME, AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON SPECIFIC
AMOUNTS WHICH EACH STATE THAT REDUCED ITS MILITARY BUDGET
WOULD ALLOCATE FOR INCREASED AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
IN SUCH A CASE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SET UP MACHINERY
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE DISTRI-
BUTION OF SUCH FUNDS AMONG THE STATES RECEIVING AID. END
TEXT.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON JUNE 13, SWEDISH DEL DROPPED ITS PROPOSAL FOR ACTION ON A UN PILOT STUDY IN VIEW OF CURRENT IMPASSE ON COMPETING TEXTS. SWEDISH DEL ONLY INFORMED US SHORTLY BEFORE SUBMISSION OF NEW TEXT.

4. FOLLOWING IS NEW SWEDISH TEXT: BEGIN TEXT: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTS BY THE GROUPS OF EXPERTS ON THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION CONSIDER WHAT CONCRETE STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE AN INCREASED OPENNESS BETWEEN STATES WITH REGARD TO THEIR MILITARY EXPENDITURES AS A MEANS OF BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND FACILITATING AGREED REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES. END TEXT. YOUNG

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